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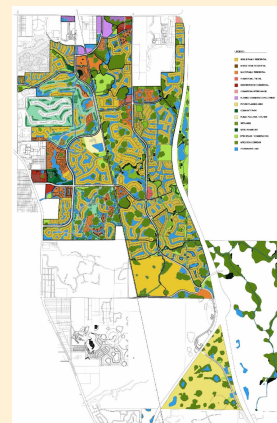
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Click [Here](#) for a Palmer Ranch Community Map.



Communication from the Master Association to our Members

Palmer Ranch Master Association Board

There are many property types on Palmer Ranch. For purposes of classification and representation to the Master Association they are: Residential, Commercial / Industrial, and Recreational.

What makes up the Board of Trustees of the Master Association? There are fifteen (15) Board Members; ten (10) are elected from Residential Members, three (3) from Commercial-Industrial and two (2) from Recreational Members. The Declarant has exercised its option by appointing a sixteenth member to the Board.

Click [Here](#) for a current list of Board Members.

In addition to the work that they do for the Ranch on an ongoing basis, the Board members assemble for six scheduled meetings each year. The Thursday meetings are held in person and by Zoom. The meeting location varies, and Members of Palmer Ranch may attend.

The Remaining 2025 & 2026 Board Meeting Schedule is as Follows:

2025 Meetings

- September 25th (2026 Budget Meeting)
- November 20th

2026 Meetings

- January 22
- March 26 (Annual Members Meeting)
- May 21
- July 23
- September 24 (2027 Budget Meeting)
- November 19

**** All meetings convene at 3:00pm ET ****

Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on our website (www.PalmerRanch.net). Prior to meeting, a sign and agenda holder are staked in the second median on Palmer Ranch Pkwy., just east of Beneva Road.



Sarasota County Neighborhood Initiative Grant Program

The Neighborhood Initiative Grant Program (NIGP) is a 50/50 matching grant program that funds projects to improve and enhance neighborhoods. It provides matching grants of up to \$10,000 to neighborhoods, homeowner's associations, and other resident-based groups located in Sarasota County. The projects must fall under one of the five categories: Character, Safety, Leadership, Environment, and Health.

Informational Session Dates and Locations are as follows:

- **September 3rd** □ Time: 10:00 am □ Location: Virtual TEAMS Meeting
- **September 10th** □ Time: 1:30 pm □ Location: Betty J. Johnson Library, 2801 Newtown Blvd, Sarasota FL, 34234
- **October 6th** □ Time: 3:30PM □ Location: Jacaranda Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd, Venice, FL, 34293
- **October 29th** □ Time: 10:00 AM □ Location: Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave, Sarasota, FL, 34231
- November 12th □ Time: 2:00 PM □ Location: Virtual TEAMS Meeting

Click [Here](#) or email Neighbor@scgov.net to register to attend an information session.

Sue's Grounds Corner



CERT Member Training

Are you interested in improving your personal survival and recovery skills for hurricanes and other disasters, while working in a community-based team environment? If you are, then Community Emergency Response Team ("CERT") training is

the proven method to move you towards achieving that goal.

The mission of the CERT program is to educate volunteers about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact our area and train them in basic disaster response skills. This includes basic first aid skills. CERT members enhance community resilience by providing critical support to first responders and assisting victims during emergencies. CERT members also engage in community safety projects during non-emergency times.

Carol Auricchio, President of the Palmer Ranch Master Association, said, "I am delighted to see the progress made by our CERT team in a relatively short period of time. The work and dedication of these individuals is one of the reasons that make Palmer Ranch a special place to live. I encourage others to find out more and consider this very worthwhile endeavor".

Our Palmer Ranch community CERT members are service minded, committed volunteers who have undergone practical training to enhance the safety of their families and neighbors. They are people the community and Sarasota first responders look to in times of emergency!

You may ask "am I the right person for CERT?" No previous training is necessary, and no physical constraints disqualify you. If you are willing to "Give Back" to your community, there is a place for you!

Training for CERT is free, via an on-line course, with an in-person practical section done locally. The quality of practical information included makes the training extremely rewarding. The time commitment for the course is 20 hours, split between classroom and practical sessions. Once qualified you are welcome to join an existing Palmer Ranch community CERT or start one in your community.

Here is how to get started Contact the Palmer Ranch Master Association CERT at **PRMACERT@gmail.com** or call (941) 922-3866 and ask for Sue or Tony. Either Sue or Tony will give you a call, or meet with you, to answer any questions you may have.

In addition to the Palmer Ranch CERT, the following Palmer Ranch communities have their own CERT:

Arielle
Cobblestone
Esplanade
Hammock Preserve
Huntington Pointe
Promenade
Village Walk

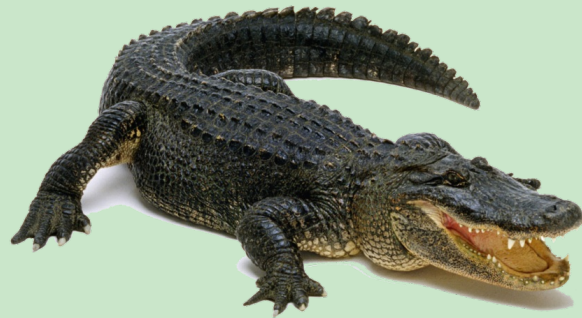
Coming Next Month: An interview with Mike Nepi , CERT Lead for Esplanade CERT.

Coexisting With Alligators

Palmer Ranch residents may sometimes see an alligator cruising in a pond or sunbathing on shore.

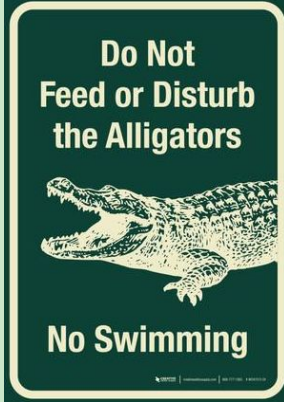
Alligators, which descended from the same common ancestor as dinosaurs, are technically reptiles but are in fact more closely related to birds, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Alligators have existed for approximately 85 million years. They were here well before us. Early last century, humans hunted alligators nearly to extinction. They are now federally protected by the Endangered Species Act as a threatened species and as a Federally designated threatened species by Florida's Endangered and Threatened Species Rule. We now share our state with about 1.3 million alligators.



In Florida, serious injuries from alligators are rare. Nevertheless, living safely with our ancient alligator neighbors relies on taking common-sense precautions: Don't feed them. In fact, it is illegal to do so. Alligators are generally afraid of people but feeding them can cause them to lose that important fear (and put them in danger of being 'removed'; more about that below).

- Don't walk right at the edge of ponds when you can avoid it, and do not bring small children or dogs to ponds' edges. Keep pets on a leash. Watch for alligators relaxing nearby and give them plenty of space.
- Don't swim or wade in the ponds.
- Leave the alligators alone. Know that they are mostly active between dusk and dawn and during mating season typically April-June in Florida.



When a resident asks to have an alligator removed, they are typically asked if the alligator is aggressive. Generally, a non-aggressive alligator can be left in peace. If the resident still wants the alligator to be 'removed', it is in fact killed and then sold for its meat and hide – it is not simply relocated. Please consider Palmer Ranch's alligators as wildlife to be admired and respected.

If a problem arises, call your community manager or the person overseeing natural assets.

Article by Michelle van Schouwen Co-Chair, Palmer Ranch Watershed and Natural Assets Committee

Images From Our Palmer Ranch Members

Here are some images from the Culverhouse Nature Park over the years. Photos are courtesy of the Culverhouse Community Garden Committee.



Culverhouse Community Garden Flowers 2014



Gopher Tortoise 2012



Artichokes 2013



Zapallitos 2014



Lemon Grass 2015

Rat Snake 2020



Kohlrabi 2015



Cucumber 2015

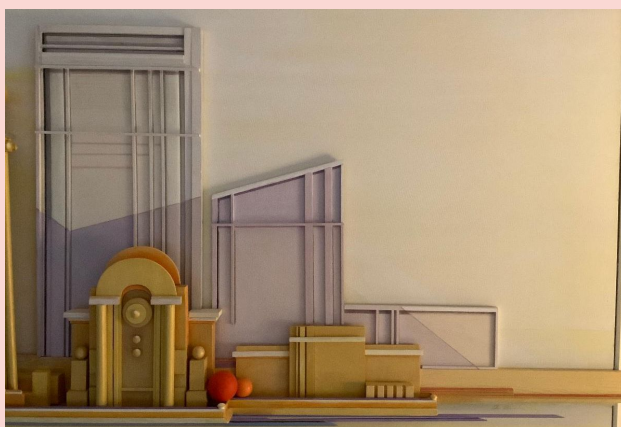


Local Happenings

Artists of Palmer Ranch Monthly Meeting

If you draw, paint, sculpt, or simply have an interest in the visual arts, please join the *Artists of Palmer Ranch* at their next meeting on **Monday, August 4th at 10:30 am** at Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave., Sarasota.

Any Palmer Ranch resident is very welcome.
If you like, bring your latest masterpiece! They'd love to see it!



Featured Artist:

Anna Burke

Title:

Homage to Sarasota

Medium:

Wood Assemblage



Palmer Ranch Singers are Calling all Singers!

If you love to sing and have experience in a choir or chorus, you are invited to join the Palmer Ranch Singers as they prepare for their Fall 2025 concert.

They are a welcoming, friendly group which comes together to sing, to grow musically, and to share the joy of beautiful music with the community. Plus – they make new friends and have fun! They have a special need for tenors, so if you're out there, they'd love to have you join their happy group!

Artistic Director, Jane Hunder, and the Leadership Team have prepared a wonderful holiday program, and are looking forward to the group's return to singing after the summer hiatus. They welcome their new Musical Director, Wayne Fisher, to the Singers' family.

Rehearsals begin on **Monday, October 6th** at St. Andrew United Church of Christ, 6908 Beneva Road. Practices are weekly **1:15 – 3:30 pm**, culminating in a holiday concert on December 7.

Dues are \$50 for the Fall term. Music packets are distributed on the first day of practice; to make sure they have adequate materials for everyone, please let them know if you're interested in joining.

The Singers are excited that they are now a 501(c)3. Donations are tax deductible, and may be sent to Palmer Ranch Singers, PO Box 52013, Sarasota, FL, 34232. Patronage is always welcomed and appreciated. Resources from member dues, donations, and concert sales support the professional director and musicians, music purchases, and use of the venue.

Check out the Singers' website at palmerranchsingers.com.

For further information and to register, contact Jane Hunder, Artistic Director, at hunderjane@gmail.com or Peggy Wells, President, at pf58md@gmail.com.

Palmer Ranch Master Association

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm



Would you like to submit an article for consideration in a future newsletter?

Click [Here](#) for our article submission guidelines and form.

Email completed form to: Info@palmerranch.net

Palmer Ranch Master Association Mission Statement

Our mission is to enhance and maintain the aesthetic quality of Palmer Ranch and to preserve the overall unique identity and sense of community.